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UM'S LODGE RENAMING HONORS LOCAL WOMAN

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana building known for years as the Lodge will be renamed in honor of a Missoula woman whose life has been dedicated to education and to the University.

The Emma B. Lommasson Center will officially assume its new name at a 3 p.m. ceremony Friday, May 18.

The name change, approved March 23 by the Montana University System Board of Regents, recognizes Emma Bravo Lommasson's seven-decade commitment to UM.

Lommasson worked on the staff and faculty at UM in several capacities for 40 years, retiring as registrar in 1977. She continued to serve University students in a volunteer capacity for many years.

UM President George Dennison was a student during Lommasson's years as registrar. "She took a great interest in students and helped many of us in so many different ways," Dennison remembered. "She helped us to realize our potential and to try to achieve it."

Born Emma Bravo on Dec. 10, 1911, near **Great Falls**, in 1929 she became the first woman from **Sand Coulee** to attend The University of Montana. While earning bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics, she began her first campus job as a teaching assistant and

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administrative secretary in the math department. She married forestry graduate Thomas Lommasson after her graduation in 1939.

Wartime saw Mrs. Lommasson teaching navigation, civil air regulations and mathematics to young men who were in training to become Air Force pilots. In 1945 Lommasson began to assist returning soldiers, holding the position of veterans adviser until 1970. Those duties were combined with her job as assistant registrar, which she began in 1946. She was appointed registrar in 1973.

UM Registrar Phil Bain called Lommasson "a very gracious lady who touched the lives of many, many students and faculty through personal attention and excellent advising."

She was active in many campus organizations, including Air Force ROTC, Mortar Board and the American Association of University Women, and continues to be an avid Grizzly football and basketball fan. She has not missed a Griz-Cat football game since 1935.

Her efforts on behalf of the University and its students have been recognized with a Faculty Senate Award, a Distinguished Alumni Award, a Pantzer Award and an Outstanding Volunteer Award. She was Grand Marshal of UM's Homecoming parade in 1998.

The building that will bear Lommasson's name houses student services and administrative offices such as Griz Central and Human Resource Services, as well as several dining facilities. A recent addition on the eastern end brings more student services under one roof, including Disability Services for Students, the University College, the Center for Work-Based Learning and Career Services.

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